

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
AUGUSTA DIVISION

Albert Jackson

Plaintiff

v.

United States of America

Defendant

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Case No. 1:23-cv-81

RULE 26(f) REPORT

1. Date of Rule 26(f) conference: September 14, 2023

2. Parties or counsel who participated in conference:

Troy Lanier for Plaintiff

Woelke Leithart for Defendant

3. If any defendant has yet to be served, please identify the defendant and state when service is expected.

Defendant has been served.

4. Date the Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures were made or will be made:

September 28, 2023

5. If any party objects to making the initial disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1) or proposes changes to the timing or form of those disclosures,

(a) Identify the party or parties making the objection or proposal:

(b) Specify the objection or proposal:

6. The Local Rules provide a 140-day period for discovery. If any party is requesting additional time for discovery,

(a) Identify the party or parties requesting additional time:

No party objects to 140 days for discovery.

(b) State the number of months the parties are requesting for discovery:

months _____

(c) Identify the reason(s) for requesting additional time for discovery:

_____ Unusually large number of parties

_____ Unusually large number of claims or defenses

_____ Unusually large number of witnesses

_____ Exceptionally complex factual issues

_____ Need for discovery outside the United States

_____ Other: _____

(d) Please provide a brief statement in support of each of the reasons identified above:

7. If any party is requesting that discovery be limited to particular issues or conducted in phases, please

(a) Identify the party or parties requesting such limits:

No party requests phased discovery.

(b) State the nature of any proposed limits:

8. The Local Rules provide, and the Court generally imposes, the following deadlines:

Last day for filing motions to add or join parties or amend pleadings	60 days after issue is joined
Last day to furnish expert witness report by plaintiff	60 days after Rule 26(f) conference
Last day to furnish expert witness report by a defendant	90 days after Rule 26(f) conference (or 60 days after the answer, whichever is later)

Last day to file motions

30 days after close of
discovery

If any party requests a modification of any of these deadlines,

(a) Identify the party or parties requesting the modification:

No party requests a modification.

(b) State which deadline should be modified and the reason supporting the request:

9. If the case involves electronic discovery,

(a) State whether the parties have reached an agreement regarding the preservation, disclosure, or discovery of electronically stored information, and if the parties prefer to have their agreement memorialized in the scheduling order, briefly describe the terms of their agreement:

The parties have not reached such an agreement.

(b) Identify any issues regarding electronically stored information as to which the parties have been unable to reach an agreement:

10. If the case is known to involve claims of privilege or protection of trial preparation material,

- (a) State whether the parties have reached an agreement regarding the procedures for asserting claims of privilege or protection after production of either electronic or other discovery material:

The parties agree to note any privileged material implicated by discovery requests in a privilege log which is provided to the opposing party.

- (b) Briefly describe the terms of any agreement the parties wish to have memorialized in the scheduling order (or attach any separate proposed order which the parties are requesting the Court to enter addressing such matters):

The parties do not request any agreement included in the scheduling order.

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- (c) Identify any issues regarding claims of privilege or protection as to which the parties have been unable to reach an agreement:

N/A

11. State any other matters the Court should include in its scheduling order:

The parties are not aware of any.

12. The parties certify by their signatures below that they have discussed the nature and basis of their claims and defenses and

the possibilities for prompt settlement or resolution of the case.
Please state any specific problems that have created a hindrance
to the settlement of the case:

The parties have discussed settlement and are exploring options for early resolution.

This 25th day of September, 2023.

Signed: /s/ Troy A. Lanier
Attorney for Plaintiff

/s/ O. Woelke Leithart
Attorney for Defendant